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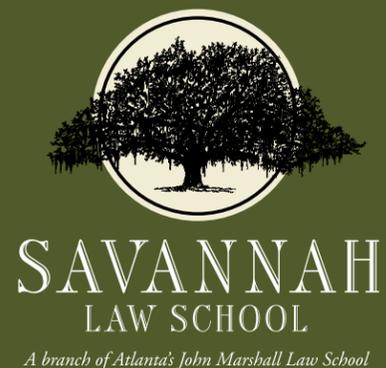
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**Welcomes**  
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**A**JMLS is returning to Savannah, GA. After more than 30 years, AJMLS is opening its second branch campus in Georgia's coastal city.

This time, things are different. AJMLS is ABA-accredited. The branch will be named Savannah Law School (SLS). And, the school will have all of the features of a real campus.

In the heart of historic Savannah, SLS will open its doors in August 2012 for its inaugural class. SLS is eager to welcome its students with nothing less than the best in southern hospitality. Tree-lined streets, historic homes and the famous River Street make Savannah a world-renowned city and the perfect place for students to begin their legal careers.

SLS purchased the historic 110,000-square-foot Warren A. Candler Hospital building for its campus at 516 Drayton St. near Forsyth Park. Originally built in 1819, the Candler building has sat mostly vacant since 1980 when the hospital relocated to its current Reynolds St.

The building will undergo major renovations over the next several years with completion of the first phase in time to welcome the school's inaugural class of full- and part-time day and part-time evening sessions. Once completed, the renovations will represent one of the largest projects to restore a historic property in the United States.

"We are delighted that our campus will be located in the heart of Savannah's historic district and provide a comfortable learning environment for our students," Dean Richardson Lynn said.

The main historic structure on the property was chartered in 1791 by the Georgia Legislature as a seaman's hospital, making it the first hospital in the state. With the acquisition of the building, SLS is also purchasing and will preserve the Candler Oak Tree, listed on the National Register of Historic Trees as Georgia's oldest oak tree.

Construction slated for the project includes a demolition team to implode a wing of the building on Huntington St.

that once served as the old hospital's surgical wing. The building also needs new cooling and heating systems, windows, flooring and reinforced structures among other enhancements to preserve certain historic aspects of the property to make it eligible for federal tax credits.



"The project team will be preparing the property to meet our first-year requirements," Lynn said. We will need suitable space for the library, classrooms, faculty and staff offices, student organizations and gathering places.

"We are committed to the Savannah community and to serving the legal system in and around the Atlantic Coastal region. We understand the importance and legacy of the property

and want our new campus to represent the culture and heritage of Savannah and the neighborhood. There is a natural connection between Savannah and John Marshall, which operated a branch campus in the city in the 1970s and 1980s."

More than 20 colleges and universities in the region will serve as feeder schools for SLS's full-time program, including Armstrong Atlantic State University, College of Coastal Georgia, Savannah College of Art and Design, Georgia Southern University, Savannah State University, South Georgia College, Middle Georgia College, South University, the Savannah campus of the Georgia Institute of Technology and several others. Additional feeder schools are located only a couple of hours from Savannah in South Carolina and Northern Florida.

SLS's part-time evening program will be ideal for area doctors, retired military, paralegals, law enforcement and others interested in pursuing a legal education while maintaining their current full-time employment.

"Students can begin their legal careers closer to home and students from around the country and the world can live and learn in a community rich in culture, heritage and southern hospitality," Lynn said.

**H**e added more than 1,500 lawyers and judges in the area and in all of the courts, county district attorney and public

defender offices, legal aid organizations and lawyer pro bono efforts suggest a substantial need for law students for externships and law clerk jobs where they will work with clients, assist lawyers and judges, and gain invaluable practical experience. ♦



Experienced  
Faculty Members  
Join Savannah  
Law School

# THE FIVE

PROFESSOR SPOTLIGHT

We are excited and proud to bring these highly respected faculty members on board to launch the 2012 inaugural class at the new campus in Savannah. WELCOME!



**Kelly Lynn Anders**

SLS appointed Anders, formerly Director of Communications and Diversity at Creighton University School of Law in Omaha, NE, an Associate Professor who will teach Torts. Her experience includes administrative and faculty positions at Washburn University School of Law and University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law. Anders is also a seasoned author having written books, columns and other scholarship various within the legal communities. She earned a J.D. from Pepperdine and a Bachelor's from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.



**Kellyn McGee**

SLS named McGee an Associate Professor. McGee will teach Civil Procedure. Formerly the Assistant General Counsel for the State Bar of Georgia, her background includes experience in grievance counseling, ethics training, negotiations and litigation management. With more than a decade of real-world legal

experience, McGee will now transfer her skills to the classroom. She holds a J.D. and Bachelor's from Howard University.



**Elizabeth Megale**

Formerly an Assistant Professor of Law at Barry University School of Law in Orlando, FL, Megale was named an Associate Professor who will serve as the Director of the Legal Skills and Professionalism Program and teach Legal Research and Writing. Prior to teaching, she was a trial lawyer with the Office of the Public Defender in Florida where she represented clients in both misdemeanor and felony cases. Elizabeth holds a J.D. and Bachelor's degree from Mercer University.



**Marc Roark**

Formerly an Assistant Professor of Law at the University of LaVerne College of Law in Ontario, CA, Roark was named Associate Professor to teach Property and serve as the Director of the Office of Academic Achievement. Marc brings to SLS years of real-world and classroom

experience from previous faculty positions at the University of Missouri and University of Tulsa and as a practicing attorney at federal and commercial litigation firms. Roark earned an LL.M. from Duke University School of Law, a J.D. from Loyola University School of Law and a Bachelor's from Louisiana State University.



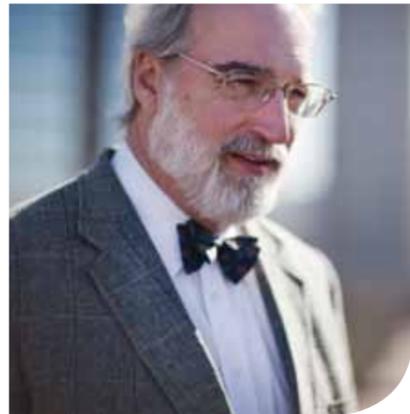
**Caprice Roberts**

Roberts was named a professor who will teach Contracts. Her classroom experience also includes teaching at Florida State University College of Law, Washington & Lee University School of Law and University of North Carolina School of Law. Roberts has also held two federal judicial clerkships and represented clients in complex civil litigation cases in Washington, D.C. She earned a J.D. from Washington & Lee University School of Law and a Bachelor's from Rhodes College.

During her 10-year career on the West Virginia faculty, Roberts served as Associate Dean of Faculty Research & Development. She has coauthored casebooks in Federal Courts and Remedies and won several awards for her teaching and publications. In addition, Roberts has connections to Georgia that include bar membership and serving as a summer associate at King & Spalding in Atlanta. She also has family living in the Savannah area.

MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

# Moving Forward. A New Pace. A Grand Future.



If the last few months have been as busy and successful for you as they have been for the law school, you are lucky. It has been a great Spring at John Marshall as we wrapped up the academic year and plan for next year, including the opening of the new campus in Savannah. The 2012 Commencement was one of the best ever. The quality of the graduates and the faculty they learned from is exceptional. The Commencement speaker, Harvard Professor Lawrence Lessig, who has also taught at Stanford and the University of Chicago Law School, knows everything there is to know about elite law schools. He made telling

distinctions between the careers that his students aim for — representing big corporations — and the path that most John Marshall graduates take — representing people. Professor Lessig found the John Marshall path much more valuable.

Later this fall, I hope you will find an excuse to visit the new campus in Savannah. We're calling it the Savannah Law School, with the tag line: "a branch of Atlanta's John Marshall Law School." Several alumni have asked why "John Marshall" is not in the name of the law school. There are a couple of reasons, but the most practical is that there is substantial confusion already between us and the John Marshall Law School in Chicago. Our friends in Chicago are gracious about the unending mix-ups, but doing it to them again in Savannah seemed unfair. The Savannah campus will have the same mission, curriculum and atmosphere as the Atlanta campus. Just more Spanish moss.

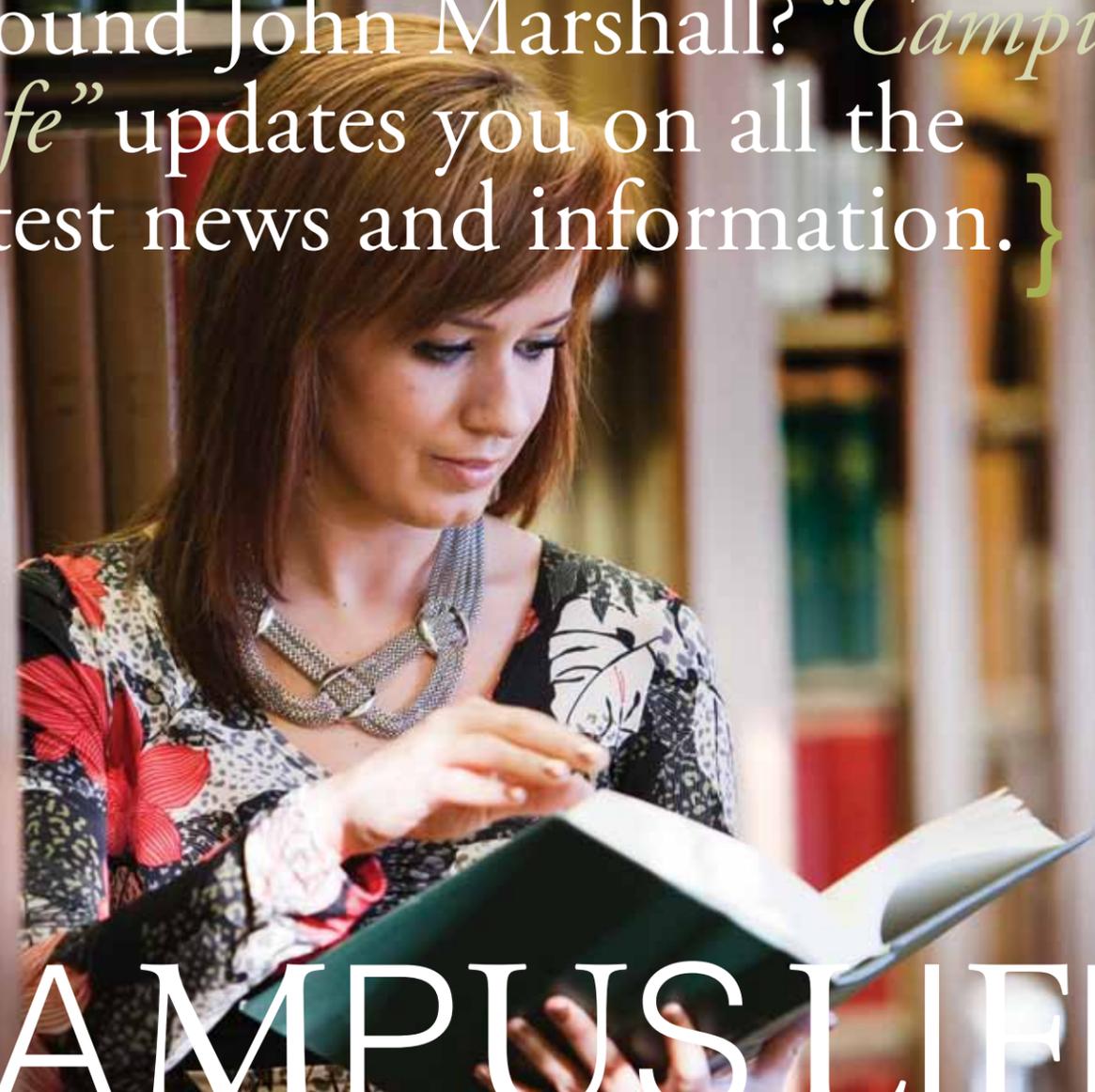
I look forward to taking another group of alumni to Washington, D.C., to be sworn

in before the U. S. Supreme Court on November 5, 2012. If you qualify for admission, you must come with us. It is, literally, a once in a lifetime opportunity. And your family will love spending the weekend in D.C. at your expense.

Finally, I hope you'll let us know that you're willing to help our students by conducting mock interviews, conducting real interviews and hiring them, judging moot court rounds, helping with externships, speaking to student organizations or in specific classes, or any other way that you can contribute. We always appreciate your donations for scholarships and building endowed scholarships, of course. But, volunteering your time is an equally important commitment. While everyone is able to give something, not everyone is able to give as much as they would like. Everyone can volunteer to support one of the activities that meant a lot to you when you were a law student.

Have a great summer! As always, please let me know if I can ever be of any assistance to you.

What is new? What is happening around John Marshall? "*Campus Life*" updates you on all the latest news and information.



# CAMPUS LIFE

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With more than 1 million individuals migrating to the United States each year, countless go without proper legal aid and representation. Through the help of community-conscious organizations such as Catholic Charities of Atlanta (CCA) and their Immigrant Legal Services Program, these individuals are able to receive professional legal counsel

are honored to work along with Catholic Charities as it serves the rapidly-growing immigrant community.”

CCA meets with 1,500 new clients and 4,800 detainees each year. The clinic will offer CCA clients assistance with filings for immigration benefits based on family eligibility, violence against women petitions, crime victim petitions and temporary protective status. The clinic will also serve

legal education. Students will gain valuable experience in an academic environment, while providing assistance to CCA clients. They will develop skills in problem-solving, client interviewing, collaborating and cross-cultural awareness.

“Students who possess a strong interest in immigration affairs are ideal candidates for the Immigration Law Clinic,” said Renata Turner,

# Immigration Law Clinic

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regardless of financial concerns or language barriers.

In an effort to expand the scope of their mission, CCA recently partnered with AJMLS to begin Georgia's first Immigration Law Clinic. The clinic, scheduled to begin Fall 2012, will offer second- and third-year law students real-world experience under the direction of licensed attorneys.

“The new Immigration Law Clinic in partnership with CCA demonstrates our school's commitment to helping our community while preparing AJMLS students to practice law,” Dean Richardson R. Lynn said. “We

detainees at immigration detention facilities.

“We are looking forward to working with students and preparing them to interact directly with clients,” said Jennifer Bensman, Program Director of Immigration Legal Services at CCA. “It is my hope that after the completion of the Immigration Law Clinic, John Marshall students will continue to seek pro bono opportunities.”

AJMLS is excited for the opportunity to introduce students to real-world cases as a part of their

Clinic Director and Associate Professor at AJMLS. “We are very pleased Professor Joe Rosen, who was instrumental in the development of the clinic, will be the program's academic lead for AJMLS. I am projecting a successful first year and hope it will open the door to more clinic placements for AJMLS students.”

*For more information on CCA services, please visit their website at [catholiccharitiesatlanta.org](http://catholiccharitiesatlanta.org). To inquire about AJMLS's first clinic, contact Renata Turner at [rturner@johnmarshall.edu](mailto:rturner@johnmarshall.edu) or call 404-872-3593 ext. 251. ♦*

## AMERICAN Legal Studies

*International LL.M. Programs for Foreign-Educated Attorneys*

WHAT'S NEW

# LL.M. GOES GLOBAL

Pursuing an LL.M. in the United States offers many advantages for a foreign-trained lawyer.

Committed to preparing highly competent and professional lawyers who are devoted to the improvement of the legal system and society, AJMLS recognizes the need for programs targeting international lawyers and practitioners. Recently, the American Bar Association's (ABA) Council on Legal Education and Admissions acquiesced to the school's applications to launch online and resident LL.M. programs for foreign-educated attorneys. In addition to the school's current online LL.M. in Employment Law, a resident LL.M. in American Legal Studies and an online LL.M. in American Legal Studies will be offered this fall.

AJMLS is joining the growing number of U.S.-based law schools offering LL.M. degrees for international attorneys. According to [www.LLMGuide.com](http://www.LLMGuide.com), in the increasingly global legal market, lawyers practicing a number of specialties need to master more than one legal system. Pursuing an LL.M. in the United States offers many advantages for a foreign-trained lawyer, providing the

opportunity to develop not only knowledge, but also a strong contact base.

“We are enhancing our Master of Laws degree offerings to enable foreign-trained attorneys to thrive in American law,” Dean Richardson Lynn said. “The launch of our two global LL.M. programs further demonstrates our commitment to the preservation of law in the United States and throughout the world.”

In addition to the new LL.M. programs for foreign-trained attorneys, AJMLS continues to offer the online LL.M. in Employment Law. Launched in 2010, the program's inaugural cohort graduated in May. New cohorts enter the five-semester program each year in May and September. All course work is done online and students visit the law school only twice: for Orientation and at the end of the program for Thesis Presentation and Commencement. Scholarships up to 90 percent are available for qualified alumni.

Candidates can apply to any of these programs via <http://www.johnmarshall.edu/LLM/apply>, [www.lsac.org](http://www.lsac.org) – or by downloading and submitting an application to the law school by fax, mail or email at [llminfo@johnmarshall.edu](mailto:llminfo@johnmarshall.edu).

*For more information about AJMLS programs, please visit [www.johnmarshall.edu/LLM](http://www.johnmarshall.edu/LLM).*





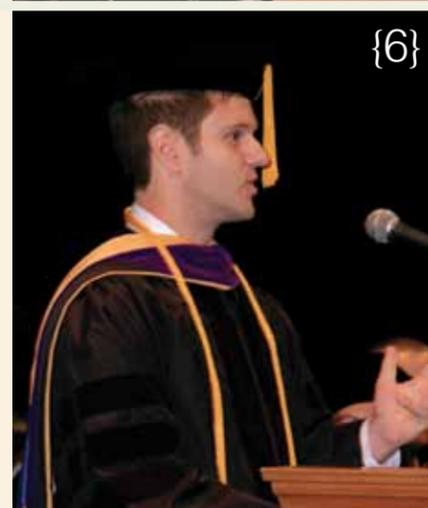
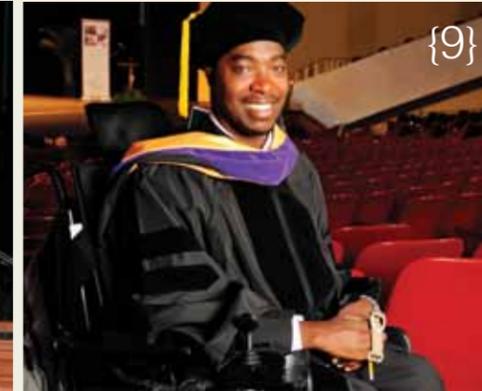
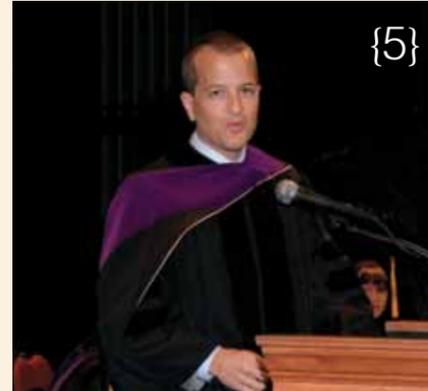
**A**tanta's John Marshall Law School held its Commencement Ceremony on Saturday, May 19, 2012, at the Boisfeuillet Jones Atlanta Civic Center. The 185 graduates, along with hundreds of family and friends, gathered to celebrate this tremendous occasion.

This year's Commencement was highlighted by an address from Professor Lawrence Lessig, the Roy L. Furman Professor of Law and Leadership at Harvard Law School, and director of the Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics at Harvard University. The Commencement featured AJMLS's first graduating class from its LL.M. in Employment Law Program. The 2012 Distinguished Alumni awards were given to E. Michael Moran ('97) and Judith Alembik ('71).

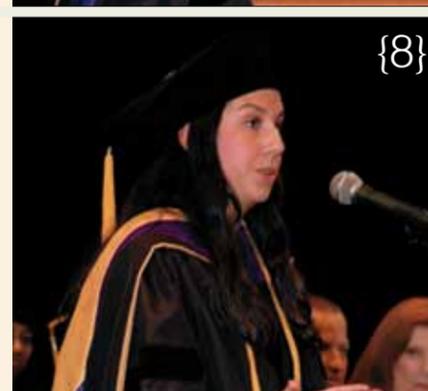
Again, congratulations to all graduates, and thank you to everyone who joined us in honoring these new alumni.

# Congratulations CLASS OF 2012!

1. Ginger Arnold, Jenn Gore, Manal Chehimi
2. LL.M. Inaugural Cohort- Craig Oakes, Ed Peterson, Dean Richardson Lynn, Christina Schwinn and David Arm
3. Professor Lawrence Lessig, Harvard Law School
4. Saneda Ware, John Cannady-Miller
5. Mike Moran ('97), Distinguished Alumnus 2012
6. Ryan Robinson, Valedictorian (Part-Time Division) 2012
7. Judy Alembik ('71) Distinguished Alumna 2012
8. Kim Colmey Valedictorian (Full-Time Division) 2012
9. Keaston White
10. Tiffany Norris, Penelope Dawes, Rachel Walker



11. Row 1: Sanchia Jeffers, Luis Scott, Kevin Crayon, Precious Felder, Demetress Patrick Row 2: Sarah Serio, Andre Ramsey, Audrey Holliday, Melody Toddy, Fallon Stokes, Ryan Robinson, Tiffany Moore. 12. Entire 2012 Graduating Class.



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# guantanamo

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BY KEVIN CIEPLY  
Associate Dean for  
Academic Affairs



# BAY



**R**ecently, I had the distinct honor of representing the National Institute of Military Justice (NIMJ) at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. I was there to observe the pre-trial Military Commission hearings against Al-Nashiri (referred to and pronounced as “Na-shah-ree”). Al-Nashiri is facing the death penalty and charged with murder in violation of the laws of war, perfidy, terrorism and various other charges arising most notably out of the attack against the USS COLE in October 2000, which killed 17 U. S. sailors and injured 47 others.

During the hearings, Al-Nashiri wore an all-white jump-suit. He is short, clean-shaven and appeared in good health. He was represented by four lawyers who warmly greeted him as he came to the defense table. One of the defense attorneys, Mr. Richard Kammen, is referred to as a “learned counsel.” For death penalty cases, the Military Commissions Act requires at least one defense attorney to be “learned in applicable law relating to capital cases.” Mr. Kammen, who has his practice in Indianapolis, IN, has represented clients in 35 capital cases. Sitting next to Mr. Kammen was another civilian counsel, Michel Paradis, who, in my opinion, stole the show as far as advocacy skills go. In addition to these two civilian defense counsels, Al-Nashiri was also represented by two experienced and very capable military JAG defense attorneys. Upon seeing this, my thoughts were: if this process is rigged, it certainly is not for want of an adequate defense team.

On the other side of the courtroom, the prosecution had assembled an equally formidable array of attorneys. Not the least of which was Brigadier General Mark Martins, a JAG officer I met back in 1996 at the Army JAG School when he reviewed a paper I had written. Even back then, everyone in the Army JAG Corps knew of Martins. He was an extraordinarily driven officer who had the reputation as one of the few JAG’s on the path to becoming a General Officer. Now, as he sat in the role of the Chief Prosecutor for Military Commissions, I had no doubt that if the victims and their families had the opportunity to choose who prosecuted these cases, they could not have chosen anyone better to represent their interests.

The gallery, where I sat, is located in the very back of the courtroom, divided by a large soundproof glass wall. From the gallery, you can see everything in the courtroom, but you cannot hear anything live. For audio, the gallery has video monitors displaying both video and audio, but at a 40 second delay. This enables the commission to censor what the gallery hears. If any national security information comes out in the courtroom, the commission can easily censor it so that the gallery does not hear that information. The delay creates a fairly discombobulated experience. For instance, at the beginning of the hearing, I watched the judge enter the courtroom, stood, as everyone did and then took my seat as the judge took his. After watching in silence for what seemed to be an eternity, suddenly, overhead came this ... “All Rise.” We all chuckled, as it seemed to be much longer than 40 seconds ago.

Substantively, the motions were fascinating. The issues included whether portions of the hearings would be closed because the defendant was expected to testify about receiving “enhanced interrogation” at CIA black-sites, whether the Military Commissions violated Equal Protection, Ex Post Facto, Bill of Attainder, and whether the Commission was a “regularly constituted court,” as required under Common Article 3 of the Geneva Conventions of 1949. At one point, while arguing that the Equal Protection clause applied to this case, Mr. Paradis stated that Guantanamo Bay “IS” the United States. Even though I assume this argument will not carry the day, to me it had some traction, given that upon landing at Guantanamo Bay, a U.S. Customs agent checked my passport, and my meals while there consisted of Starbucks, McDonalds, Subway, and (admittedly) an Irish Pub.

In addition to the substantive motions, there were also motions focused on discovery, the treatment of Al-Nashiri while in confinement, and motions concerning what the defense viewed as a disparity between its budget and the government’s investigatory budget. In the end, the military judge denied a defense request to have all discovery translated into Arabic, but ordered the prosecution to provide the defense with an estimate of its expenditures concerning the investigation of the case. The judge was convinced that any disparity between budgets would be relevant as to mitigation, if the case reached a sentencing phase. The military judge also granted both prosecution and defense motions for depositions in Yemen and, to my surprise, appointed himself as the deposition officer.

In many ways, the hearings looked very much like my experiences in court-martials and in federal court. And in other ways, it did not. The most palpable difference is the government’s obsession with controlling information. Please, do not get me wrong; I am all for safeguarding “national secrets.” But any information that may come out in these trials is so dated, and has been so exhaustively exposed already by the media, that I think we sacrifice a lot of legitimacy for very little true national security. The entire time I couldn’t help but think of our dear fictional friend Colonel Jessup in the movie *A Few Good Men*: “You can’t handle the truth.” In response, I would retort (please picture me as Tom Cruise): “Yes, we can Colonel Jessup. Give it to us, and we, as a nation, can decide how to strike an appropriate balance between security and fundamental fairness.”

**O**verall, the experience was fascinating. The confluence of interests that came together at Guantanamo Bay—media, national human rights organizations, victims, victims’ families, military defense counsel, learned civilian counsel, military prosecutors, prosecutors from DoJ, the military judge, CIA, marines, soldiers and escorts—all to confront some of the most difficult legal issues of our time, provided innumerable opportunities for me to expand my own knowledge, to challenge my own assumptions and impart to others my own experiences, insights and perspectives. ♦



ROOM TO GROW

The project preserved a large Magnolia tree, produced outdoor furnishings and space to study.

# Pop-Up Pocket Park

The AJMLS community is pleased to announce the “Pop-Up Pocket” park. The park, a product of real estate developer Jamestown and Midtown Alliance, opened in early May. The park replaces two dilapidated, abandoned buildings between 1412 West Peachtree and 18th streets. Students are enjoying a newly-constructed park right across the street from the campus.

“As our law school continues to expand, it is especially nice to see the area surrounding the campus reflect our growth and change,” said Aaron Jones, Student Bar Association (SBA) President. “The new park is a nice addition as it connects the school to the Blackburn Conference Center. It also gives students a place for a quick study break to enjoy a nice day.” The project preserved a large Magnolia tree, produced outdoor furnishings and space to study. AJMLS will provide sustainable landscaping throughout the park, including drought-tolerant native plants. ♦

## Trivia with Professor Michael Mears



Question No.

**1** Georgia is the birthplace of two First Ladies of the United States. Who are they and where in Georgia were they born?

Question No.

**2** Georgia is the birthplace of three Academy Award winning best actresses? Who are they and where in Georgia were they born?

*The first individual to post the correct answers to these trivia questions on the Facebook group, titled, The Official Alumni Group of Atlanta’s John Marshall Law School, will receive an alumni license plate frame. A new trivia question will be posted on the Facebook group on the first Tuesday of every month, so be sure to play!*

## Thesis Presentations: Program Completion Marks New Beginnings.

AJMLS recently celebrated the graduation of the inaugural cohort of the LL.M. in Employment Law Program. Prior to the Commencement ceremony, the cohort ended the five-semester program by delivering their thesis presentations on Friday, May 18, 2012, at the Blackburn Conference Center. LL.M. students Craig Oakes, Ed Peterson, Christina Schwinn and David Arm presented their papers to Dean Richardson Lynn, the LL.M. faculty, local attorneys and guests. Each of the four presenters chose a topic of personal and professional interest within the employment and labor law arena.

LL.M. Director, Lisa Kaplan was extremely proud of the inaugural cohort. “The Thesis Presentation event, coupled with Commencement the following day, marked the successful completion of the program for our inaugural cohort,” said Kaplan. “It was gratifying to witness their excellent presentations, which represented the culmination of their research and writing process.”

As the Employment Law program continues to welcome new cohorts each May and September, AJMLS is confident that its two new international LL.M. programs will experience the same success. For more information on the LL.M. programs AJMLS offers, visit [www.johnmarshall.edu/LLM](http://www.johnmarshall.edu/LLM). ♦

# pass the BAR PROGRAM

To promote the academic success of AJMLS students in the classroom and in preparing for the bar

exam, the school established the Office of Academic Achievement (OAA). Led by Professor Kimberly D’Haene, Director of the OAA, the office assists students in developing various academic skills such as critical reading, logic and analysis, organization, time management and exam-taking.

The most recent initiative from OAA is designed to prepare students for the bar exam from the outset of their academic career. The Pass the Bar Program, partners with Kaplan Bar Review to provide students resources needed to be successful on the exam and in their legal careers. “The Pass the Bar Program is designed to maximize students’ academic skills and access to the resources needed to pass the bar exam,” said D’Haene. “We have designed a program that allows students to get a head start on preparing for the exam. In order to pass the bar exam, students must

plan to succeed. They must practice their lawyering and test-taking skills, as well as acquire knowledge of the law. Most importantly, they must do all of the required work in the bar review course.”

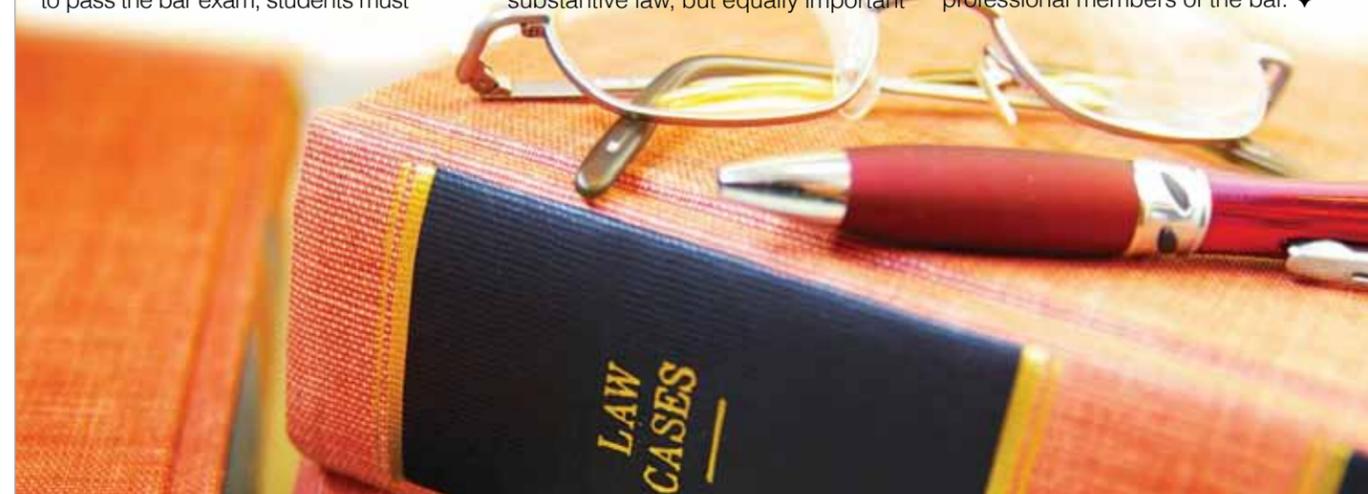
To help students assess and build their academic skills, students are given Diagnostic Skills Assessments at strategic points during their tenure. The assessments are modeled on the bar exam and provide students an early opportunity to measure their skill level, identify and address challenge areas, and to familiarize themselves with the format of the exam.

AJMLS provides bar preparation workshops and programming for students at every level, covering various aspects of the bar exam: character and fitness, professional responsibility, essay writing and the multiple-choice multi-state bar exam (MBE). The program is designed to help students to recognize the interconnectedness of the skills and substantive knowledge learned in the first, second and third years of law school with the bar exam and legal practice. “They will have to master the substantive law, but equally important

“We have designed a program that allows students to get a head start on preparing for the exam...”

is learning how to fully communicate that understanding on the bar exam. We empower them to start early,” said D’Haene. In addition to the workshops and individual counseling available, the AJMLS curriculum has been expanded to build academic and bar readiness skills; first-year students have a full semester academic skills course, Professional and Academic Success Strategies; second-year students may elect, or may be required to take, an intensive skills building course, Advanced Analytical Methods; and third-year students may elect the Advanced Bar Studies course.

Through this extensive program, the OAA helps students identify their academic strengths and weaknesses and to chart an individualized plan for student growth and development. The ultimate goal for the department is not only to have AJMLS students pass the bar, but become effective and professional members of the bar. ♦





# THE LAW LIBRARY

by Mary Wilson\* and AJ Doucett\*\*

## Its History Says Volumes.

**T**he Atlanta's John Marshall Law School law library provides a variety of resources and information to support the curriculum of the law school and faculty research. Today, the law library collection contains over 250,000 volumes and equivalents in all areas of American law and selected areas of international law, as well as electronic resources, including Westlaw and LexisNexis.

When the law school came into existence in 1933 by Charter from the Superior Court of Fulton County, Atlanta, Georgia, many of the books in the initial collection were acquired by donation from attorneys and law firms in metro-Atlanta. In 1935, Mr. S.B. Fenster of Atlanta became the law school's first dean. The library law books collection began with a small number of volumes. The first seven students, in June 1938, completed the program and graduated.

During these early years, the school moved from very small quarters in a downtown office building to rented quarters during the war years, this was followed by a move to the building on Forrest Avenue, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia. Forrest Avenue was later renamed Ralph McGill Boulevard.

The law library occupied the front portion of the second story of the law school building on Forrest

Avenue and was open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. The collection began to develop very slowly in the 1940s with approximately 2,000 volumes which included sets of the Georgia Supreme Court (at the time only 200 volumes) and Court of Appeals Reports (80 volumes), the Annotated Code of Georgia, the Georgia Codes of 1910, 1926, and 1933, as well as the Southeastern Reports (160 volumes) and the Southeastern Digest, L.R.A., Corpus Juris and Corpus Juris Secundum, Inter-Digest of the Georgia Reports, U.S. Code, Federal Statutes Annotated, Federal Digest, U.S. Supreme Court Reports (340 volumes), the New York Supplement and a number of text and several law dictionaries. It seems likely the library held the Federal Reporter (470 volumes) and the Federal Supplement (80 volumes), but there is no certain information as to these sets.

In Fall 1970, AJMLS's Savannah branch was founded and the legal collection developed with an initial set of donated law books. The school was located at 19 East Bay St. In the 1970s, both the Atlanta and the Savannah law libraries began to develop with additions to the collection. The Savannah branch, however, was suspended in the mid-1980s, and the collection was dispersed. In 2012, the law school intends to re-establish a branch in Savannah with a current library collection.

AJMLS moved in 1991 to 805 Peachtree St., NE near the Fox Theater. The law library was open from 8:30 a.m. until 10:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., on Saturday. This office building was later converted to luxury condominiums.

Professor Orrin M. Walker, Director of the Library, and Morteza Parvin, Assistant Law Librarian for Technical Services comprised the library staff. The original collection was organized and cataloged and shelved by Parvin. By 1992, the law books collection had grown to approximately 25,000 volumes, including the law library reserve collection which consisted of supplemental texts, audio tapes, video tapes and study aids for bar examinations. A computer room in the law library opened with a printer. And photocopy machines, microfiche equipment and CD-ROM players were available. A significant amount of materials and space were added to the law library the next year. Legal research materials, services and study areas were expanded, and assistance and training became available.

AJMLS moved to 1422 West Peachtree St., NW in 1995, at which time the school had begun to develop a comprehensive law library intended to comply with ABA Standards for Approval of Law Schools. The library staff consisted of Walker, Parvin and Julia Rose. The library occupied parts



of the 4th and 5th floors and the entire 6th floor.

In 1997, Professor Michael Lynch became AJMLS's new Director of the Law Library and Professor of Law and Chair of the Law Library Committee.

Mark Durbin, Head of Acquisitions, joined the library staff in 1998. Lynne Rhys-Jones, Head of Public Services, and Elizabeth Roberts, Assistant Director of Law Library and Director of Legal Skills and Professionalism Program, joined the library staff soon afterwards. The law library collection had grown, as well as electronic resources. During this time, the automated cataloging and circulation system was implemented. Later, Susan Risher, in 2001, and Robin Clausnitzer, in 2003, joined the library staff in the Technical Services Department. During this time, major changes to the law school building were carried out. Shelf space doubled and the seating capacity expanded and study rooms were greatly increased. The library occupied all of the 4th, 5th, and 6th floors of the law school.

**M**ary Wilson joined the library staff in 2006, as Head of Public Services, and coordinates circulation, research and reference, the reserve room, and the audio-visual (AV) schedule.

AJMLS celebrated 75 years in 2008. The library entrance was renovated in 2008 with wide double-doors and a change in the position of the Circulation Desk. The law library developed a significant collection of primary and secondary resources in print and microform formats, including serial subscriptions, of which approximately one-third are periodicals. The library

continued to maintain subscriptions to online resources, including Westlaw and LexisNexis.

Two new reference librarians joined the Public Services Department, Arthur Doucett, in 2008, and Carrie Tolbert, in 2010.

In 2011, the law school expanded again. New shelving was added in the basement of the law school and today provides additional room for storage of legal materials and microform. At the same time the library gave up some space on the 6th floor to provide access to the new bridge to the 1430 W. Peachtree St., NW building.

Today, the AJMLS library collection contains over 250,000 total volumes and equivalents, as well as computer resources. The library provides materials in all areas of American law and selected areas of international law. Print resources include more than 147,500 titles, including appellate case reports of fifty states and the federal government, statutes of Georgia, the southeastern states, and the United States, more than 2,500 serials, including almost all American university law reviews, and a collection of topical legal treatises covering national and state law. The library also collects videotapes and audiotapes. The available materials are maintained in our Reserve, Reference, Rare Book, and Microform collections. All students and faculty enjoy direct and unlimited access to the massive online legal databases of Westlaw and LexisNexis. These databases provide the equivalent of millions of volumes, and terabytes of data. Law students have use of computer labs providing PC's and high-speed printers on a local network for optimum access to Westlaw and LexisNexis, and to the rapidly increasing

universe of legal materials available through the Internet. In addition, the library is wired to permit laptop PC's to connect to the local network, Westlaw and LexisNexis, additional electronic resources and the Internet.

Looking forward, the history of the law school library project will continue to grow as it documents all the major events in the library's history to come. Additionally, as research on older historical law school and library events presents itself, it will be documented in the timeline. The library hopes to fill in some of the more "sparse" decades with information obtained through the help of the AJMLS alumni. If you have any old photos, library brochures, admission catalogs or any other law school memorabilia, the library would love to take some scans or photos to archive for the history of AJMLS. This will also give you a reason to visit the law school and see the new changes. We look forward to your visit!

\* Head of Public Services, AJMLS library. I would like to thank the law librarians at AJMLS for their excellent help with the history of the law school library. The project is near and dear to our hearts. I want to especially thank Mark Durbin and Morteza Parvin for their excellent assistance with the compilation of pictures, along with the excellent guidance and direction of Professor Lynch with the project.

\*\* Reference Librarian, AJMLS library. The timeline will be placed on the library's web page.

The Law Library is actively searching and collecting memorabilia for all years prior to 2001. Thus, any gifts of AJMLS memorabilia or duplications of AMLS memorabilia, from before 2001 would be greatly appreciated.



AJMLS ALUMNI  
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## Three Reasons for Big Congratulations.

Greetings AJMLS Alumni,

At the 2012 Commencement, the Class of 2012 graduated from AJMLS and became alumni. Please join me in congratulating each of these new alumni and welcoming them to the John Marshall Alumni Association. I wish them the very best as they venture out and begin their careers as leaders in both legal and civic communities.

I would also like to congratulate AJMLS on opening a branch campus in Savannah – Savannah Law School (SLS). The Savannah community has welcomed SLS with open arms, and I am proud that our school is expanding its mission to the coastal region and beyond. I look forward to partnering with SLS alumni in the years to come to expand our alumni community of support.

As AJMLS continues its rise to the top, so has the John Marshall Alumni Association. Not only has alumni participation at AJMLS events skyrocketed, but more alumni support our community through gifts to the Alumni Association's scholarship funds. It is easy to give back (online or by mail), and I encourage you to do so. No amount is too small. Our Alumni Association is only as successful as we make it, and your donations are integral to our ability to help others and build our community.

The AJMLS alumni community is extremely close, and as we continue to support students, promote alumni connections, and volunteer within the AJMLS community, I am certain we will not only help our school but each other as well. I look forward to a prosperous year for all of our alumni, AJMLS and the Alumni Association. I hope to see you at an AJMLS event very soon!

Have a wonderful summer.

Sincerely,

Mike Moran ('97)  
President, JMLS Alumni Association

*As AJMLS continues its rise to the top, so does the John Marshall Alumni Association.*

Where are they now? What are they doing? *“Real Life”* paints the after-picture of Alumni and their many successes.

# REAL LIFE

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# Alumni Spotlight

By Timothy "Tim" J. Santelli ('97)



After graduating AJMLS in 1997 and passing the bar, I opened my practice. A week later, I tried my first matter, a workers' compensation case. I could have never performed that small feat had it not been for the practical teaching I received at AJMLS. Since November 1997, I have tried several cases ranging from product liability to medical malpractice to a felony criminal case (my practice consists of personal injury litigation). The one thing that never changed in my career is my connection to AJMLS and its alumni.

There are many ways to stay connected to the AJMLS community. I stay connected through my participation at AJMLS Orientations on behalf of the Chief Justice Commission on Professionalism. I also enjoy a seat on the AJMLS Alumni Board, Chairing its Nominating Committee. These are only two

ways that I stay connected, but there are many opportunities for alumni to build their own connections to our school, and I encourage them to do so. My connections to my classmates and other alumni have proven very fulfilling. I have made lifelong friendships and worked with numerous alumni on cases that have contributed to my firm's success. Of course, I would be remiss to not mention simple networking. The legal community is a small one, and it is not uncommon to see an AJMLS graduate at a calendar call, oral arguments or a local bar meeting. Indeed, the contacts we make during and after law school and within the alumni community are invaluable. In my opinion, it is more important than any other educational endeavor. My considerable success in my law practice is due to standing on the shoulders of those who taught

me the law at AJMLS and those alumni who continue to support me today as we blaze a path in through the legal community together.

I take great pride in being a graduate of AJMLS and staying connected to the school, I encourage you to do the same. How to stay connected:

- Join the alumni Facebook and LinkedIn groups.
- Attend alumni and AJMLS events.
- Visit the website, [www.johnmarshall.edu](http://www.johnmarshall.edu).
- Join ALUMNIconnect, the alumni listserv.
- Read the monthly alumni e-newsletter.
- Get an AJMLS email account.
- Get involved with a student organization.
- Contact the AJMLS Alumni Office (404-872-3593 ext. 287).
- Update your contact information as necessary. ♦

## 40 UNDER 40

### Adjunct Professor Jonathan Goins Moves Students in a Positive Direction.

Goins is currently teaching Copyright Law during the summer semester and will teach Trademark Law in the fall. "I have been thoroughly impressed by the caliber of students John Marshall is producing. Their passion for the law and willingness to learn has made my time here worthwhile," said Goins.

Most recently, he was named a 2012 Nation's Best Advocates: 40 Lawyers Under 40 by the National Bar Association. Goins is among 39 other talented individuals within the African American legal community who have achieved prominence and distinction, professionally and philanthropically. Nominees for the honor were chosen based on their achievement, innovation, vision, leadership and legal community involvement.

Goins holds a Juris Doctor from Howard University and a Bachelor's from the University of Louisville. For more about Adjunct Professor, Jonathan Goins, visit [www.gshllp.com/attorneys/jonathan-d-goins](http://www.gshllp.com/attorneys/jonathan-d-goins). ♦

Dedicated to helping students thrive in law school, AJMLS is committed to employing the best legal minds in the field. Joining AJMLS as a summer Adjunct Professor, Jonathan Goins is eager to continue the school's mission to prepare highly competent and professional lawyers who possess a strong social conscience, continually demonstrate high ethical standards, and are committed to the improvement of the legal system and society.

Goins brings to AJMLS years of expertise in the intellectual property practice areas of trademarks, copyrights and trade secrets. He has litigated cases involving Lanham Act claims, cybersquatting, Internet libel and gripe sites, copyright infringement, breach of contract and fraud. He has also represented Fortune 500, mid-sized and start-up companies in litigating IP disputes, managing trademark prosecution and enforcement matters and much more.

## Contact List for Alumni

One of the most rewarding ways alumni can support the AJMLS community is by volunteering their time. Each year, numerous alumni choose to do so by volunteering their time in support of student activities and organizations. From preparing students for competitions, and acting as judicial officials in mock trials, to supporting various events hosted by student organizations, our alumni play key roles in promoting the academic success of AJMLS students. As our school and its community continue to grow and prosper, there will be more opportunities for our alumni to give back through volunteer work. If alumni would like an opportunity to connect with AJMLS students, please do not hesitate to do so. By volunteering their time, alumni not only help students succeed, they also set an example for those students to themselves become active alumni.

Volunteer Activity	Contact	Email
Moot Court Competition	Professor Lucy Jewel	ljewel@johnmarshall.edu
Client Interviewing and Counseling		
Mock Trial Competition	Professor Suparna Malempati	smalempati@johnmarshall.edu
Law Review	Professor Liza Karsai	lkarsai@johnmarshall.edu
Student Organizations	Miessha Stennis	mstennis@johnmarshall.edu
Career Development	Ivonne Betancourt	ibetancourt@johnmarshall.edu
Pro Bono Outreach and Externships	Renata Turner	rtturner@johnmarshall.edu

For more information about volunteer opportunities, please contact Chad Dillard, Assistant Director of Alumni, at [cdillard@johnmarshall.edu](mailto:cdillard@johnmarshall.edu) or 404-872-3593 ext. 287.



## Alumni EVENTS

There are many AJMLS events coming up this year that will provide our alumni opportunities to connect and network. Events such as the 2012 Solo Practitioner Boot Camp, local alumni luncheons and cocktail hours, mini reunions, swearing-in ceremonies (local and SCOTUS), the Bobby Lee Cook Practical Legal Symposium, student organization events, the Fred Gray Social Justice Seminar, CLEs and more! If you are interested in attending any one of these AJMLS events, be sure to check out the AJMLS website, the alumni Facebook and LinkedIn groups, and the monthly alumni e-newsletter for more information. We hope to see our alumni at all of these great events so they can witness firsthand the benefits of being connected to the AJMLS community.

# ALUMNI AT LARGE

1. The 2012 Renata Turner Public Interest Scholarship recipients
2. The entire AJMLS community had a blast at the 2012 PILS Auction.
3. Dean Lynn welcomes alumni to the 2012 Alumni Reunion Dinner.
4. Barry E. King ('97) happily receives the 2012 Public Interest Award.
5. Alumna Ashley Gholamhosseini ('11) reconnects with Dean Lynn.
6. The recipient of the 2012 Andy Crawford Scholarship, Sara Lamond, accompanied by her husband.
7. Audrey Holliday ('12), Prof. Renata Turner, Greg Gelpi & Barry E. King ('97).





Atlanta's John Marshall Law School, the Woodrow Wilson Law School and Atlanta Law School were once known as the three Georgia "night schools," all of which were Georgia accredited. Graduates of all three became solicitors and prosecutors and populated the legal services offices. They are the defense counsels, the lawyers who vindicate the rights of ordinary citizens, and later a number became judges and legislators (six AJMLS graduates are currently members of the Georgia Legislature).

Only AJMLS survived the Georgia Supreme Court required arduous and expensive path to American Bar Association (ABA) accreditation. Millions of dollars were needed to upgrade the library and facilities, attract competent experienced full-time faculty and create a support staff. To raise funds, AJMLS solicited support from an established educator and converted from a non-profit to a for-profit institution. Thanks to the vision of current

ownership, AJMLS exceeds in every respect ABA accreditation requirements without turning away from its mission to provide opportunities for our graduates to serve those whom they have historically served throughout Georgia and, now with ABA accreditation, beyond.

Aside from generous tuition credits for AJMLS's highest achieving students, the John Marshall Law School Alumni Association, Inc., a not-for-profit, tax exempt 501(c)(3) organization has established five scholarship funds to benefit deserving AJMLS students along with the Annual Fund which supports alumni related projects and special events.

Contributions to any of the scholarship funds will make a difference. The Bobby Lee Cook Scholarship Fund was established by that eminent attorney with a \$100,000 donation. Those wishing to further honor Bobby Lee may wish to contribute to this endowed fund. The Melissa Hamrick Scholarship Fund was established to honor the memory of a smart, witty and brave student who

passed away while still a student. Her classmates, led by Tracie Henderson (class of 2010), continue to support this scholarship. The Andy Crawford Scholarship Fund was established in 2011 to honor the memory of yet another student who passed away. He is remembered by his classmates as a warm, generous and supportive friend.

The Endowed Scholarship Fund is in its building stages, and we look forward to the day when the interest is capable of providing sustainable scholarships. The John E. Ryan Endowed Scholarship Fund, which benefits out-of-state students, honors the late Dean Emeritus who, during his tenure as Dean, led AJMLS to accreditation.

Contributions to any of our scholarship funds are deeply appreciated particularly by those who without financial assistance would not be able to complete their legal education.

All contributions to the Alumni Association are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. ♦